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§ 1610.8 Program integrity of recipient.

(a) A recipient must have objective integrity and independence from any organization that engages in restricted activities. A recipient will be found to have objective integrity and independence from such an organization if:

(1) The other organization is a legally separate entity;

(2) The other organization receives no transfer of LSC funds, and LSC funds do not subsidize restricted activities; and

(3) The recipient is physically and financially separate from the other organization. Mere bookkeeping separation of LSC funds from other funds is not sufficient. Whether sufficient physical and financial separation exists will be determined on a case-by-case basis and will be based on the totality of the facts. The presence or absence of any one or more factors will not be determinative. Factors relevant to this determination shall include but will not be limited to:

(i) The existence of separate personnel;

(ii) The existence of separate accounting and timekeeping records;

(iii) The degree of separation from facilities in which restricted activities occur, and the extent of such restricted activities; and

(iv) The extent to which signs and other forms of identification which distinguish the recipient from the organization are present.

(b) Each recipient's governing body must certify to the Corporation within 180 days of the effective date of this part that the recipient is in compliance with the requirements of this section. Thereafter, the recipient's governing body must certify such compliance to the Corporation on an annual basis.

§ 1610.9 Accounting.

Funds received by a recipient from a source other than the Corporation shall be accounted for as separate and distinct receipts and disbursements in a manner directed by the Corporation.

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APPENDIX A TO PART 1611—LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION 2004 POVERTY GUIDELINES

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§ 1611.1 Purpose.

This part is designed to ensure that a recipient will determine eligibility according to criteria that give preference to the legal needs of those least able to obtain legal assistance, and afford sufficient latitude for a recipient to consider local circumstances and its own resource limitations. The part also seeks to ensure that eligibility is determined in a manner conducive to development of an effective attorney-client relationship.

§ 1611.2 Definitions.

Governmental program for the poor means any Federal, State or local program that provides benefits of any kind to persons whose eligibility is determined on the basis of financial need.

Income means actual current annual total cash receipts before taxes of all persons who are resident members of, and contribute to, the support of a family unit.

Total cash receipts include money wages and salaries before any deduction, but do not include food or rent in lieu of wages; income from self-employment after deductions for business or farm expenses; regular payments from public assistance; social security; unemployment and worker's compensation; strike benefits from union funds; veterans benefits; training stipends; alimony, child support and military family allotments or other regular support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household; public or private employee pensions, and regular insurance or annuity payments; and income from dividends, interest, rents, royalties or from estates and trusts. They do not include money